

Bluegrass Music Has Ruined My Life -- Written by Foggy Mountain Hilton, 2009

(Chorus:)

G C G
Bluegrass music has ruined my life
G A D
Could have had a happy home, some children, and a wife
G G7 C G
I could have gone to college maybe had a PhD
G D G
But bluegrass music is all that's left of me.

I guess that I was 10 years old when I first heard Bill Monroe
On the Grand Ole' Opry doing "Footprints in the Snow"
I bought Ralph Stanley's records and Jimmy Martin's too
I was convinced that bluegrass music was the thing to do.

(Chorus, break.)

When I got out of high school I had to try my hand
At pickin' and a singin' in a lonesome bluegrass band.
We didn't make much money but we sure had lots of fun
You should have heard our version of "Fox on the Run."

(Chorus, break.)

One night at a festival a young girl came my way
The things that young girl did to me I'm too polite to say
I asked the darlin' "Where you from?" she said "From Tennessee,
A little town called Knoxville,"-- the rest is history

Now I'm down in prison where the roving gambler was
There's a guy here playing mandolin, he says his name is Buzz.
If I don't die a drunkard I'll surely die insane
But that's the way life goes in the bluegrass breakdown lane.

(Chorus.)

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